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# Appendix C:

## Summary of Public Input

Preparation of the Lexington-Fayette County Greenway Master Plan involved working with the citizens of the Community in several ways. First, the consultant team worked closely with Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) staff to define the history of the greenway effort and strategies for implementation of a greenway program. Second, the consultant conducted three public workshops. Third, the consultant met with a variety of stakeholder groups to discuss detailed aspects of the greenway plan.

### **C.1 Summary of Greenways Workshop** **October 30, 2000**

On the evening of October 30, 2000, the first of three public workshops was conducted by the FMSM team at the Lexington Public Library. Approximately 120 people were in attendance. Mayor Miller opened the workshop by encouraging residents to keep an open mind and ask questions of the consultants and staff. The consultant began the workshop with a multi-media presentation on the benefits that greenways offer to communities. This was followed by a question and answer period in which residents, the consultant and LFUCG staff discussed a variety of issues. After a short break, workshop attendees were invited to participate in breakout sessions intended to define two principal outcomes:

- 1) Where would residents like to see Greenways protected in Lexington-Fayette County?
- 2) What are some of the issues that will influence the protection of Greenways in Lexington-Fayette County?

At the close of the evening, group facilitators presented the results of the breakout session. The consultant defined the next steps in the planning process and the location and time for the next public workshop. The input from this workshop was summarized by the consultant and used as the basis for preparing the first set of GIS-based maps for the project. Additionally, LFUCG staff published a community newsletter that described the workshop

and its outcomes. LFUCG also published results of the workshop along with photographs on a community web site [www.lfucg.com/greenways](http://www.lfucg.com/greenways).

### **C.2 Summary of Greenways Workshop** **December 11, 2000**

Using the results of the first workshop and in-field investigations completed by the consultant, a second public workshop was conducted on the evening of December 11, 2000 at the Leestown Middle School. Approximately 75 people attended the workshop. The consultant opened the workshop by summarizing the planning efforts completed to date, and the results from the first workshop. The consultant presented the emerging network of greenways on a series of large format maps. Attendees were then asked to break into groups in order to more closely review and critique the preliminary greenway routes that resulted from the first public workshop. Participants were also asked to define priorities for future greenway facility development. The results of this workshop were once again summarized by the consultant and incorporated into the evolving greenway master plan. LFUCG staff published the results of the workshop in a second newsletter and incorporated comments of the attendees in the community web site.

### **C.3 Summary of Greenways Workshop** **January 29, 2001**

A final community workshop occurred on the evening of January 29, 2001 at the Veterans Park Elementary School. An estimated 75 people were in attendance for this workshop. The principal goal of this workshop was the presentation of the draft Greenways Master Plan by the consultant. A detailed presentation by the consultant outlined the entire greenway system by its component parts. Additionally, implementation strategies, funding and future operations and management were featured in the consultant's presentation. After the presentation, workshop participants were asked to make one final critical examination of the draft maps. Results of the workshop were summarized by the consultant and incorporated into the Master Plan. LFUCG staff published the results of the workshop in a

community newsletter and on the community web site.

#### **C.4 Stakeholder Meetings**

In addition to the public workshops, the consultant conducted four (4) separate stakeholder meetings that focused on specialized matters with respect to the preparation of the Greenway Master Plan. On December 11, 2000, the consultant conducted a "governance" work session with approximately 40 LFUCG staff and department heads to discuss the future organization, operation and implementation of greenways. On December 12, 2000, the consultant facilitated three stakeholder meetings, the first with the Lexington Chamber of Commerce and area business leaders to discuss the relationship

between greenways and economic growth. The second was conducted with environmental and outdoor user groups to discuss issues related to outdoor access, water quality protection and design standards for trails. The third meeting was conducted before a work session of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council. On January 29, 2001, the consultant conducted two stakeholder meetings, the first with the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association to discuss the proper interface between greenway implementation and the horse industry; and the second with the Greenspace Commission to define the current status of the Greenway Master Plan. The results of these meetings were summarized by the consultant and incorporated into the final Greenway Master Plan recommendations.